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Re: Comments on Trial Burn Plan

Attention: Mr. Albert E. Whiteman, DOE Area Manager
Mr. Dominic J. Sanchini, Rockwell

Dear Mr. Whiteman and Mr. Sanchini:

Enclosed are comments on the Trial Burn Plan for mixed and hazardous waste. This submittal includes our original comments of January 22, 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) comments, and a composite of all the applicable technical comments we have received from interested parties during the comment period. We note that many of the comments composited from the public may be repetitive of our's and EPA's comments. We also realize that comments have been previously addressed at information meetings or in other documents. We ask that all these comments be addressed in your written response. All responses should be supported with calculations and assumptions.

We encourage the efforts you are making towards waste minimization and waste destruction. The proposed incineration of mixed and hazardous wastes offers a permanent management solution through waste destruction. We ask that the U.S. Department of Energy and Rockwell International continue to explore and promote waste management strategies such as minimization, recycling, and destruction which provide safer solutions.

This transmittal constitutes the department's Notice of Deficiency with respect to the Trial Burn Plan portion of the Part B permit application, pursuant to the Colorado Hazardous Waste Act.

We recognize that every option of waste management involves risks. Our goal as a regulatory agency is to minimize these risks. The enclosed comments provide efforts towards reaching this goal. Please address these comments in writing within 30 days.

If you have any questions on this issue please contact Peter Bierbaum at telephone number 331-4830.

Sincerely,

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